

GOVERNMENT'S OLD TIMBER LAND SUIT IS NOW REOPENED

Litigation Is to Recover \$300,000 From the Oregon Lumber Co. of Baker.

CASE IS IMPORTANT ONE

Issue May Be Appealed to the United States Supreme Court for Settlement.

The government's old suit to recover \$300,000 for timber and 6850 acres of timber lands in eastern Oregon from the Oregon Lumber company of Baker was reopened today in the federal court when Deputy United States Attorney Beckman asked that the trial be set.

Under the law a patent to land cannot be attacked on the grounds of fraud after the expiration of six years. In the present case the government alleges that the defendant company committed fraud in securing the lands in question and concealed the fraud by not recording the deeds until six years had passed, and asserts this action should automatically extend the time allowed for prosecution.

WAR WILL LAST FOR YEARS, BELIEF OF HEAD OF THE UNITED PRESS

eliminated every consideration contingent upon early peace. With this point of view, Europe—especially France and England—is dumfounded at America's insistent peace talk and her reluctance to accept the situation as it exists and to readjust business accordingly.

In purely military circles, it is regarded as pro-German. To say that it is resented is putting it mildly. Peace in the near future, on any basis likely to be acceptable to Germany, is unthinkable in France and England.

England feels that the ability of a democracy to exist and to rise to an emergency without compulsory military service, and without maintaining a tremendous professional army, is on a par with the ability of a democracy to defend a citizen army which she believes will prove greater than any professional army, but she knew this army must prove and England for it.

"In no country in Europe is the war spirit more nearly universal or the sacrifice demanded being made more uncomplainingly. Nothing but national exhaustion or a government policy of peace at any reasonable price now, for the sake of a fresh start and a war against England alone, will still this feeling."

"Personally, after three months' observation of the situation close at hand, I do not believe even England for the allies would be at the price of Germany being crushed. There is every reason to believe that even before a part of the strength of her offensive capability of a successful general assault will have been learned at a staggering price and the end—whatever it may be—will come only after the process of attrition has worn one side to a state of exhaustion."

"From the standpoint of the allies, the one great unknown factor today is the extent of Germany's ammunition supply. How long she will hold what she has already taken and what will be the strength of her offensive as measured by her ability to continue supplying her artillery with ammunition in abundance."

a stronger trench which is already waiting. Germany has not yet exhausted her reserves in the matter of men. France has developed so rapidly during the past six months that she will be able to get her efficiency little higher.

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to comment upon the attacks made against the two American ships. Secretary Bryan was wholly non-committal as to action that might be taken, and refused to express an opinion as to his view of the situation. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin was instructed to formally call the attention of Germany to the attack made upon the Cushing, and similar instructions as to the Gulfight will probably be forwarded.

Three of Crew Dead. New York, May 3.—(U. P.)—In addition to Captain Gunter, who died of

heart failure, Charles Short of Chicago, wireless operator, and Eugene Chapeneta, a seaman of Port Arthur, Texas, were lost when the tank steamer Gulfight was torpedoed by a submarine. This information was received today at the offices of the Gulf Refining company, owners of the Gulfight.

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Berlin to Handle Situation. Washington, D. C., May 3.—(I. N. S.)—The German embassy this afternoon announced that the German government would handle the situation created by the attacks on the American steamers Cushing and Gulfight in concert with the American ambassador at Berlin.

AUSTRIA NOTIFIES HER BORDER INHABITANTS NOT TO RESIST ITALY

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preparation for the blow that all believe must come. Even the advocates of neutrality have almost given up hope. It was felt here that only a series of considerable successes on the part of Germany and Austria could give force to the Austrian proposals.

Even one week ago there were many in Italy who felt that the chances of war with Austria were slight. Today a new appreciation of the situation was generally felt and few there were who believed other than that within a few days at most Italy would be engaged in the world war.

letter, is interpreted as proof that Italy and Roumania have reached an agreement for joint action.

Quick Action Forecasted.

London, May 3.—(I. N. S.)—The Morning Post correspondent telegraphs from Rome: "The date now set by persons who profess to know for Italy's declaration of war against Austria is May 15."

"Well informed quarters are inclined to believe Italian intervention may take place sooner than recently was expected. Apparently the Austrians are prepared for the worst. Novoe Vremya has received information from Trieste that the military authorities have printed several thousand copies of a manifesto in the Italian, German, Slovak and Serbo-Croatian languages for distribution in the frontier regions."

Speeder Hits Auto; Woman Is Injured

Motorcyclist Runs and Patrolman Gives Chase, Capturing Man After Hit Automobile. "You're exceeding the speed limit," yelled Motorcyclist Patrolman Frank Ervin at Ambrose Tauscher, who was riding a motorcycle on Sandy road last night.

street. At Thirty-third street Tauscher's machine collided with the automobile of Berlin E. Davis, and Mrs. Davis, who leaped from the automobile, was injured. Mr. and Mrs. Davis live at 229 Nehalem avenue. The injured woman was taken to Sellwood hospital by the Ambulance Service company. The motorcycle was badly damaged and Tauscher was arrested and held in the sum of \$200 bail for reckless driving. Mrs. Davis is not seriously injured. Tauscher will be tried tomorrow.

Willis Fisher to Be Grand Jury Foreman

Willis Fisher, president of the King-Fisher Mattress company, was named foreman of the May grand jury this morning by Circuit Judge Davis, who assumed the presiding judgeship for the next three months today. Other members of the grand jury are: R. S. Patterson, bookkeeper for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company; T. G. Tonsing, of Tonsing Chair company, chair manufacturer; Lyman T. Boden, saloonkeeper; D. V. Harrison, of the Ford Motor company; J. G. Fleischman, proprietor of the Novelty moving picture house, and H. L. Vorse, manager of the Underwriters Equitable Rating bureau. Charles McClure was called but the return was made that he is dead.

To Resume Hegele Trial Tomorrow

The trial of Dr. Herbert W. Hegele, charged with improper treatment of girls who came to him to secure employment, will be resumed in the municipal court tomorrow afternoon and will probably go to the jury at that time. Deputy District Attorney Richard Delch said this morning that he was investigating a charge that the principal witness for the state had been tampered with by the defense. Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin will take the witness stand for the state tomorrow.

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